

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (previously prosecuted) A liquid agent which is stable on storage and in emulsion and is used in wet dressing of leather and fur, comprising:
 - a) lubricant,
 - b) retanning agent, and
 - c) substances regulating the pH value,as well as optional further components, and enables the operations of neutralizing, retanning and lubricating in one single bath and in one single step, wherein unsaturated fats, oils or waxes of natural or synthetic origin are used as starting materials in the production of said lubricant, which are subjected to an oxidative treatment prior to further chemical reaction.
2. (previously prosecuted) The agent for wet dressing of leather or fur according to claim 1, wherein the iodine number is reduced by at least 20 units in said oxidative treatment, and that the oxidative treatment is performed using atmospheric oxygen or other suitable oxidizing agents.
3. (previously prosecuted) The agent for wet dressing of leather or fur according to claim 1, wherein said further chemical reaction of the fats, oils and waxes treated by oxidation is sulfation, phosphating, ethoxylation, amidation or reaction to yield sulfosuccinates, or a combination of these processes.
4. (previously prosecuted) The agent for wet dressing of leather or fur according to claim 1, comprising
 - a) 10 – 90 wt.-% of a lubricant,
 - b) 10 – 90 wt.-% of a retanning agent,
 - c) 1 – 10 wt.-% of a substance regulating the pH value, and
 - d) 0 – 30 wt.-% of further additives.

5. (currently prosecuted) A method of finishing leather or fur in a single bath and single treatment step comprising the steps of:

Use of providing an agent according to any of claims 1, 2, 3 or 4, whereby said agent is in the form of an aqueous solution or dispersion,

providing a leather or fur, and

contacting said leather or fur with said agent for finishing leather or fur in one single bath and in one single treatment step.